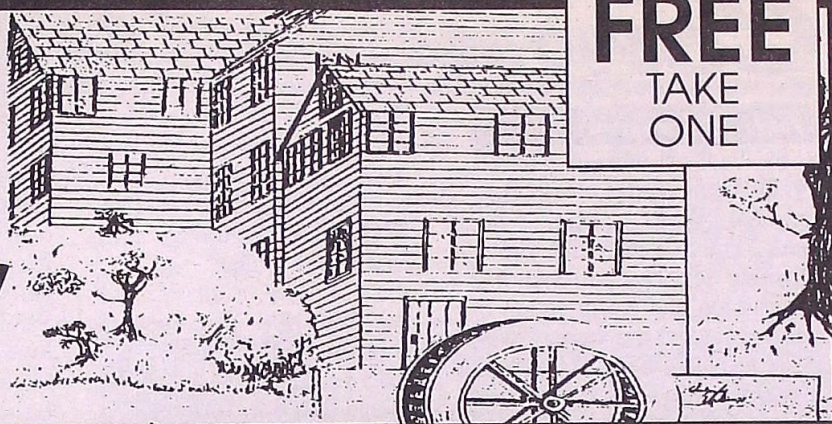


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## PART-TIME BUILDING DEPARTMENT POSITION DENIED

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

On February 28, the Huron Township Board met for the last meeting to be held in the Krzyske Center. Beginning March, Township meetings will be held in the High School lecture hall, located at the West end of the building.

At the meeting, the Board discussed hiring a part-time building department clerk at the rate of \$9 per hour.

Adkins argued, however, that it is the slow season and that the building department was cleaned up recently and is now running efficiently. Therefore, Adkins didn't feel

an additional employee is needed.

Trustee Dawnette Bowers informed the Board that if the item were approved now, it would be the first meeting in April before a candidate for the position could be approved.

Barron pointed out that by then the Township would already be into the building season.

Supervisor John Mitchell mentioned that the department would also need time to train for the position.

Adkins' motion to deny the request failed due to a tie vote. Adkins, Bowers, and Trustee

Larry O'Kelley voted to deny the request, with Trustee Mary Lou Carey absent.

There was a motion by Barron to approve the request of the building department to hire a part-time building clerk. Barron, Krause and Mitchell voted yes. Motion failed due to a tie vote.

In other news:

- Bids were opened for the purchase of several Township vehicles. The high bid for each vehicle was approved.

- Trail Creek Phase I Condominiums were given final approval. Trail Creek representative Robert Carson told

the Board that paving would be complete by August 2001 and landscaped by February 2002. He also agreed to a deadline for installing signs.

- The Board agreed to adopt a resolution supporting railroad crossing delay reductions sponsored by Congressman John Dingell. Act H.R. 432 would authorize state and local governments to regulate trains that block road traffic for public safety purposes. Act H.R. 433 would require the secretary of transportation to issue regulations addressing safety concerns and to minimize delays for automobile traffic at

railroad grade crossings.

- A motion to designate all of the \$102,000 of the 2001 block grant money was carried. The motion designates the funds to senior center renovations, sidewalks, lighting, and handicap needs.

- A request by Barron to spend \$3,300 on Christmas display was carried. The recommendation had not yet been approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Adkins expressed concerns that the displays would only go in downtown New Boston, rather than being displayed in

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS ACTIVE NEWS GRADING

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

At the March 5 Huron Board of Education meeting, the Superintendent raised concern over the recent *Detroit News* article, which graded the Huron School District a D-. The Superintendent said he didn't put a lot of weight in it. However, he was concerned at how the public would perceive the grade.

The Superintendent explained that he was not clear on how the *Detroit News* made its determination. He said that a number of factors including MEAP scores, ACT scores,

drop out rates, accreditation, student-teacher ratio, and more are factored into the calculation. However, he was unsure how these items are calculated.

In addition, the Superintendent said that last year he did a survey asking parents to grade the District. Out of 400 surveys, the District was given a 3.1, equivalent to a B.

The Superintendent commented, "If we had gotten a D- from the parents, I'd be concerned."

One reason the Superintendent felt the District received the low score was because High School MEAP scores are weighted heavily in the computation. Rather than using current MEAP scores, the *News* used scores from two

years ago because last year's scores have not yet been published.

The Superintendent explained that the District's scores, which have only been released to the Districts, are up 24-percent from the year that was used by *The News*.

Another area included in scoring was accreditation. The District scored low in that area because only 20-percent of the District's schools are currently accredited. However, the District is in the NCA process.

Board member Colleen Lazere remarked that she couldn't understand why it was necessary for schools to teach the MEAP. She said that if the District is teaching the State's curriculum, which the

MEAP is based on, it doesn't make sense that the students wouldn't already know the material.

The Superintendent explained that it's because each year the MEAP tests one small area of the overall curriculum.

Board member Ken Appleby said that rather than focusing too much on just one part, such as the MEAP, the District should try to improve many of the other scores. He explained that even a small improvement in each of many other areas, could improve the District's overall score. Therefore, he said, the MEAP would not weigh so much.

Board member Richard Zavodsky commented that he didn't think *The News* even

spoke with anyone in the District about all the things the District is doing.

Appleby pointed out that the District is in its second year of a new curriculum. He said it would take some time to see that improvement in test scores.

The Superintendent also mentioned that the District brings in 40 special education students, daily, from other Districts. In addition, because of the consortium with other districts, Huron pays for seven extra teachers for the special education programs. However, *The News* doesn't include those things in its scoring.

Chairperson Calvin Schalk said that he feels the burden

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# Community Calendar

## Feb. 28-April 15

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street, New Boston, MI 48164. Lenten Midweek, Holy Week, and Easter Morning services will examine the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord under the theme "Who Wants Jesus to Die?" The dates, along with the service times and themes, are listed below. Prayerfully make plans to grow in faith and love toward God by hearing the Lord Jesus preached this Lenten and Easter Season.

3/14 Lenten Midweek #3, 7 p.m., "Satan Wants Jesus to Die."

3/21 Lenten Midweek #4, 7 p.m., "The High Priest Wants Jesus to Die."

4/4 Lenten Midweek #6, 7 p.m., "Barabbas Wants Jesus to Die."

4/12 Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. "Judas Wants Jesus to Die."

4/13 Good Friday, 1 p.m., "The Crowd Wants Jesus to Die."

4/13 Good Friday 7 p.m., "Jesus Wants to Die."

4/15 Easter Sunrise, 6:30 a.m., "Why Do You Seek the Living among the Dead?"

4/15 Easter Morning, 10 a.m. "Wanted: Dead and Alive!"

After the services on 3/7 through 4/4 light refreshments will be served.

### Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

### Weekly

Metro Singles Dance. Come join the fun, where singles go to meet. The Metro Singles Dance new location is at Sandtraps on 5

Mile every Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. beginning March 7. We will be featuring D.J. Dick Gerathy, Budget Bar (21 and over), snacks, dressy attire (no jeans, please). Admission \$6, Hot line 1-313-438-6258. Sandtraps on 5 location is 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48157. Phone 1-734-464-5555. Easy access from 96 and 275 freeways. Well-lighted parking. Balcony access, cozy fireplace.

### Monthly Meetings

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for additional information.

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will

meet on the following dates: Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tues. of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, 7 p.m.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

### Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall.

### Senior Citizens Monthly

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: President, Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tuesday noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tuesday, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tuesday 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Barbara Kreyger, 753-9127. Meetings: First Wed., 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs., 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Cricket) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Monday 12:30 p.m. Trips are offered. Call Francis at 782-2626.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tues. between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, p.m. cookies and cards.

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Earlier this month I began a series of recipes designed to give you low fat alternatives to add to your diet plan.

Color, taste and substance are very important when it comes to diet food. I'm not the type to eat a regimen of rabbit food, I love great tastes to cross my palette especially when I'm trying to lose weight.

With all of the low-fat products on the market it is easier to create dishes with flavor. Of course some of these products leave little to be desired, so choose wisely.

If you have any comments or questions please contact me at



Georgette Heron Willoughby

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### ORANGE ROUGHY DI SICILIA

4 Orange Roughy fillets (frozen)

1 15-oz. can Diced Tomatoes

3 tbs. Lemon Juice

3 tbs. White Wine

1 tbs. Olive Oil

1 clove Garlic (diced)

1 Green Onion (white & green diced)

1 tbs. Capers (diced)

2 tbs. Black Olives (diced)

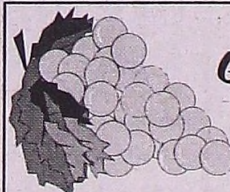
1 tsp. Marjoram (crushed)

1 tsp. Salt

Seasoned Salt and Pepper

Preheat oven to 400°. Use a baking dish large enough to accommodate all of the fillets. Sprinkle with seasoned salt and pepper. Cover and bake 15 minutes. In a bowl combine all other ingredients. Pour over the cooked fish and gently mix with the fish broth. Bake uncovered 15 minutes more. Serve on a bed of rice with peas, spoon tomato mixture over fillet and rice.

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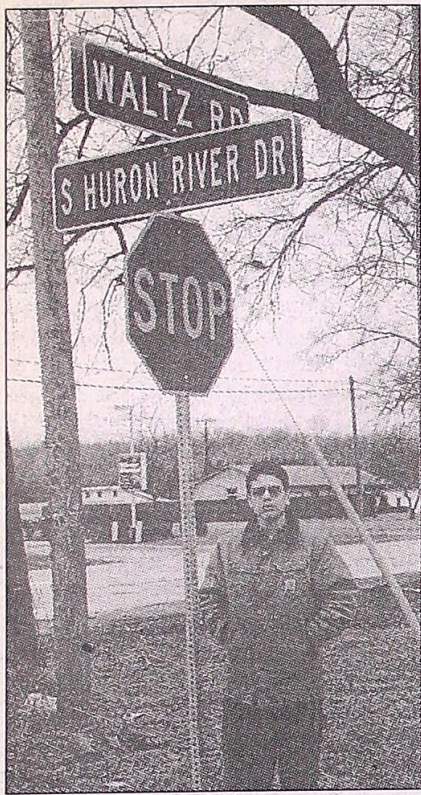
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## GIVE RECOGNITION WHERE DUE

Huron Township Trustee Marlene Krause and the Huron River Weekly wish to correct an error of omission concerning the article entitled "Trustee Krause Hosts Dinner For Seniors" which was published in the March 8, 2001 issue.

Deb Duchaine was only given credit as a prize donor, when she should have received recognition for collecting over \$500 in cash and prizes.

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There is one four-year term for Huron School District Board of Education member, to be filled at the annual school election on June 11, 2001. Candidate nomination petitions, along with two copies of an affidavit of identity, must be filed in the office of the Superintendent by 4 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2001. Nominating petitions are available in the office of the Superintendent located in Huron High School. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter in the school district.

## Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Thank you voters.

On behalf of the Huron School District and the Committee for Quality Schools, our most sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to pass this important bond issue: students, parents, grand-

parents, families, and friends, our Township leaders, community organizations and leaders, community newspapers, our church friends and; the Huron School District staff; custodians and maintenance staff, bus drivers, cooks, support personnel, teachers aides, administrators and the Board

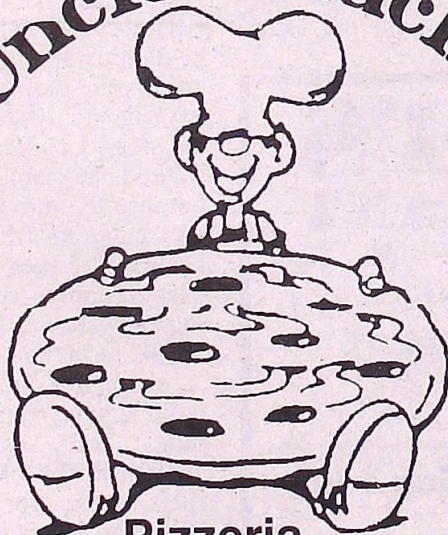
of Education. And especially, our special thanks to the 890 people who voted yes!

Sincerely,

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# JACOB'S DINING — AN OLD FRIEND WITH A NEW NAME AND STYLE

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

In mid-December, Louis and Tamara Abraham opened their new restaurant, Jacob's Dining, on the corners of South Huron and Waltz Road. The Abraham's were the owners of The Filling Station,

which previously resided in the same location.

Louis said that he decided to make the change from bar and grill to family dining for a couple of reasons. First, there was a real need for more family dining in Huron Township.

In addition, as the owner of a bar, it required more of his time because bar clientele prefers having the owner to

weighed on his mind.

Walking into Jacob's a completely new experience. The interior has been redecorated

Other changes include an extended and more diverse menu as well as a salad bar. A wood fired oven has also been added to the kitchen. The oven is used for pizza, chicken and ribs, prime rib, and other baked dishes.

One of the restaurant's specialties is salmon prepared on a cedar shingle. Louis explained that although it doesn't change the flavor of the salmon, the aroma does something for the pallet.

Jacob's large menu includes appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, pizza, burgers, steak, seafood, chicken, and more. It also has a children's menu and a fish fry every Friday.

Other services Jacob's offers include catering and rental of the building for showers and other gatherings.

In addition, Jacob's is looking forward to serving Sunday brunch in the very near future. Currently the restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday.

Many patrons have been curious where the name of the restaurant came from. Louis explained that 10 years ago when he and Tamara first purchased the building, they had a baby boy who died three days after birth. They felt it was a fitting memorial to their son.

However, Louis said at first he didn't want to use the name because he didn't want people to feel bad when they heard the story. Louis had also considered the name Big Jake's, because the movie was where they came up with their son's name. However, family and friends convinced Louis that Jacob's was the perfect name for the restaurant.

Although Louis and Tamara both own the restaurant, Louis runs the establishment. Tamara works for ADP, where she's been for 20 years. However, Louis joked, "I like to say she owns the restaurant when people are looking for the owner."

Outside of the restaurant, Louis is involved in many land projects. The Abraham's, who moved to Sumpter Township 12 years ago, also farm their property for personal and restaurant use. Louis also enjoys going to his 10-year-old sons, Louis's, basketball games. The Abraham's have a six-year-old son, Trevor, as well. Both boys attend Miller Elementary School.



OWNER LOU ABRAHAM STANDING NEXT TO WOOD-FIRED OVEN.



HURON LADIES ENJOYING THEIR LUNCH.

chat with.

Louis said there was also always the concern for his client's safety. He said that he tried to be fair and use good judgment in deciding when patrons needed to be cut off from alcohol. However, his concern for the safety of his patrons, as well as other drivers on the road, always

and has a very comfortable, family atmosphere. Louis explained that the clientele has changed drastically and has been growing steadily. He said, "Everyone feels comfortable." Patrons have expressed to Louis how pleased they are to walk in and see so many families dining in the establishment.

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reroute the calls to the proper location. Therefore, it is very inefficient in emergencies. If you must use a cell phone, call 753-4411 or the direct number to the local dispatch.

• A motion to pay the indi-

viduals on the Telecommunications Commission for taping Township Board meetings was carried. Each person, on a taping crew of up to four people, will receive \$30 for the first four

hours and \$7.50 per hour after that. The technician in charge will receive \$40 for the first four hours and \$10 per hour for each additional hour.

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## SCHOOL

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falls to the Board. However, the District has come a long way, and they need to let the community know what they're doing. Schalk said that the community needs to know that things in the District are improving.

Board member Alice Ferguson also pointed out that she felt it was unfair that school budgets are part of the criteria for the grade. Districts have no control over the amount of funding they receive, and each District

receives a different amount. In addition, she said that dollars do affect the way a District is run and what a District can offer. Therefore money does affect student achievement.

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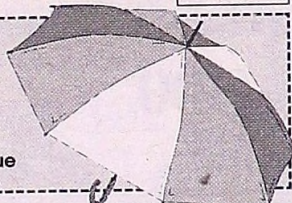
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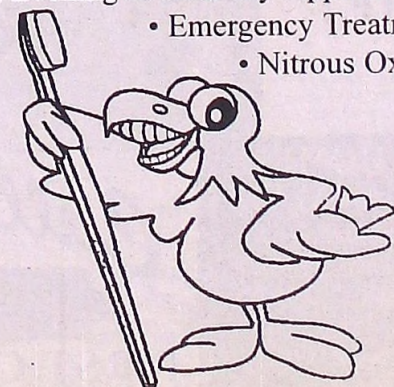
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## Your Cosmic Link For The Week Of March 15th thru March 21st

### Pisces

February 20 - March 20

Last week of winter. Enjoy it while you can. Start Spring cleaning now. Children challenge your nerves and authority or are you the "child" with the challenge. Are you Irish? *Lucky #317.*

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Well, don't expect it to jump out and bite you. If you don't

after it, it won't come to you. Look in closet you threw things in all winter. Clean while you look. Party at friends? *Lucky #317.*

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You were told. You were warned. Now it's here and you are too late, again. Looking for early Spring flowers. How about a few showers first? Prepare for rising water.

Hopefully not green. *Lucky #317.*

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You find yourself in unusual territory, even for you. Things let go too long may be beyond repair. Time to sell unnecessary items, or just give away to someone who will use them. *Lucky #317.*

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

No calls! No clues! Has your life style put you out of

the loop. One you love prepares to move. Spring around the corner but important things in life won't be. You faking the Irish thing, too? *Lucky #317.*

### Leo

July 24 - August 23

Once found, once lost. All lost again. Green beer, green gills. Were you the fish again? Prepare special meal for those recovering from painful event. Caution not to see flashing red. *Lucky #317.*

### Virgo

August 24 - September 23

Everyone knows you are

## Horoscope



William Grover

not Irish. So why put on the act? But you can turn a great "green" at times. Friends rally as Spring nears. Planning flowers already. Too early. Clean yard first. *Lucky #317.*

### Libra

September 24 - October 23

Sneaking a little too much off that taper again? Don't worry. All saw it. Time to redefine, life goals. Do reality check. Think of cleaning area for new toy. Large or small, for all to enjoy. *Lucky #317.*

### Scorpio

October 24 - November 22

When the rooster crows is it time to wake up? Others already out the door and gone. Sunday maybe worse day of week but remember the fun. How much green did you loose? *Lucky #317.*

### Sagittarius

November 23 - December 21

Irish. Irish. Irish. What are they celebrating anyway? Never could understand it anyway. Why bother. Tune up lawn equipment now. Won't be long before you notice a need. *Lucky #317.*

### Capricorn

December 22 - January 20

Geeze. Another once a year Irish person. Too bad you're not. No hangover for the Irish. Look to trees for green. Cut out unwanted junk. No one will notice a mistake or two. Did you? *Lucky #317.*

### Aquarius

January 21 - February 19

Smile gets brighter. Spring approaches. Travel plans near? Is spouse ready? Is family ready? Sure you really want to do this? Party was a success. Friends come from all areas of country. But leave you to clean the mess. *Lucky #317.*

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The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school are Joshua Davis, first, RoseAnn Salajan, second, and Bradlee Bellinger, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Joshua's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Joshua Davis' first place

essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in March, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan Government official and the

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